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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Naoki ABE, et al.

Title: AUTOMATIC PRICING METHOD AND DEVICE

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Examiner: Johnna Ronee Loftis

Art Unit: 3623

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-2, drawn to a pricing method for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Substance of Examiner Initiated Interview on December 20, 2005

In the interview, the examiner indicated restriction of claims 1-4. Applicants' representative requested that a written restriction requirement be mailed for consideration by applicants.



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Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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